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## 1-13. (CANCELED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ammunition projectile (10, 20), for a firearm, having diminished penetration into a soft medium, said projectile (10, 20) comprising a nose (11, 21) and a cap (12, 22), said nose (11, 21) forming a leading end of the projectile and being essentially conical in shape and comprising at least two indentations (14, 24), each respective indentation being disposed in an external surface of the nose and essentially symmetrically in relation to a respective longitudinal axial plane coincident with a central longitudinal axis of said projectile and bisecting the respective indentation, each indentation having a curved profile from a first edge to a second edge symmetrical with respect to one of the respective central longitudinal axis of the projectile and the respective longitudinal axial plane, a trailing portion and a leading portion of each of the at least two indentations (14, 24) is curved and a portion of each opposed sidewall is straight and connects the leading portion and the trailing portion and the portion of each opposed sidewall tapers toward a away from one another upon extending from the leading portion to the trailing portion of the indentation so that said projectile, during trajectory of the projectile through air, is sufficiently slowed so as to diminish penetration of said projectile into a soft medium without significantly altering a trajectory precision of said projectile.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 14, wherein a perimeter of each of the at least two indentations (14, 24) comprises a curved leading portion, a curved trailing portion, a first straight edge sidewall connecting a first end of the curved leading portion with a first end of curved trailing portion and a second straight edge sidewall connecting a second end of the curved leading portion with a second end of curved trailing portion.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 15, wherein the indentations are formed of two curvilinear planes whose intersection is defined by a radial ridge, and a radius of curvature of the trailing portion is greater than a radius of curvature of the leading portion of each of the at least two indentations (14, 24).

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17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 14, wherein the nose (11) comprises a flat central portion (13).

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 17, wherein a diameter of said flat central portion (13) generally ranges from 10 to 50% of a diameter of the projectile (10) at a base of the nose (11).

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 14, wherein the nose and said cap further comprise a cavity (15).

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 19, wherein the cavity (15) is designed to receive a blocking means (16).

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 14, wherein the projectile is entirely made of soft metal.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 21, wherein the projectile is made of copper.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 20, wherein the blocking means (16) is made of hard metal.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 23, wherein the blocking means (16) is made of steel.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 20, wherein the cavity (15) comprises a central zone (15b) that is at least partially threaded and said blocking means (16) is a bolt partially engaged in said central zone (15b).

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 14, wherein the projectile is formed of brass.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ammunition projectile (10, 20), for a firearm, having diminished penetration into a soft medium, the projectile (10, 20) comprising a nose (11, 21) and a cap (12, 22), the nose (11, 21) being a leading edge of the projectile and being essentially conical in shape and comprising at least two indentations (14, 24), and each indentation being disposed in an external surface of the nose and symmetrically in relation to a longitudinal plane bisecting the respective indentation and coincident with a central longitudinal axis of the projectile, each indentation having a curved profile from a first edge to a second edge symmetrical to

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the longitudinal plane, a perimeter of each of the at least two indentations (14, 24) comprises a curved leading portion, a curved trailing portion, a first straight edge sidewall connecting a first end of the curved leading portion with a first end of the curved trailing portion and a second straight edge sidewall connecting a second end of the curved leading portion with a second end of the curved trailing portion and each indentation tapering toward the nose (11, 21) such that the first and the second straight edge sidewalls taper away from one another upon extending from the leading portion to the trailing portion so that the projectile, during trajectory of the projectile through air, is sufficiently slowed so as to diminish penetration of the projectile into a soft medium without significantly altering a trajectory precision of the projectile.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 27, wherein a leading central portion (13) of the nose (11, 21) is flat and a radius of curvature of the trailing portion is greater than a radius of curvature of the leading portion of each of the at least two indentations (14, 24).

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 28, wherein a diameter of the leading central portion (13) of the nose (11, 21) generally ranges from 10 to 50% of a diameter of the projectile (10) at a base of the nose (11).

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 27, wherein the nose and said cap further comprise a cavity (15).

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 30, wherein the cavity (15) receives a blocking member (16).

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 27, wherein the projectile is manufactured from copper.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ammunition projectile (10, 20), for a firearm, having diminished penetration into a soft medium, the projectile (10, 20) comprising a nose (11, 21) and a cap (12, 22), the nose (11, 21) having a flat leading central portion (13) and being substantially conical in shape and comprising a plurality of indentations (14, 24), and each indentation being disposed in an external surface of the nose and symmetrically in relation to a longitudinal plane, bisecting the respective indentation to substantially mirror image sections and coincident with a central

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longitudinal axis of the projectile, each respective indentation having a curved profile; and tapering toward the nose (11, 21) with a leading edge of each indentation being spaced from the flat leading central portion (13), a perimeter of each of the at least two indentations (14, 24) comprises a curved leading portion, a curved trailing portion, a first straight edge sidewall connecting a first end of the curved leading portion with a first end of the curved trailing portion and a second straight edge sidewall connecting a second end of the curved leading portion with a second end of the curved trailing portion and a radius of curvature of the trailing portion is greater than a radius of curvature of the leading portion of each of the at least two indentations (14, 24) such that the first and the second straight edge sidewalls taper away from one another upon extending from the leading portion to the trailing portion so that the projectile, during trajectory of the projectile through air, is sufficiently slowed so as to diminish penetration of the projectile into a soft medium without significantly altering a trajectory precision of the projectile.